



OPERATIONS MEMO

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: WebGrants for Students: New Portal & Outreach Materials

The purpose of this Operations Memo is to inform College Financial Aid Administrators and High School Counselors about the new and exciting Home Portal page on the Commission's WebGrants for Students (WGS) website. WGS has been redesigned to provide more comprehensive and useful tools for all students. We encourage students to visit the new WGS Home Portal at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>

Previously, all students who had completed and filed a FAFSA were encouraged to visit WGS, where applicants were able to create an account and log on. Here both Cal Grant and Chafee Grant applicants could get the status of their application, monitor and manage their awards 24/7, update their address, view payment history, file a school change or file a leave of absence.

With the new WGS Home Portal page, students still have the same tools as they had before. However, now **all** students can obtain important college information from links on the home portal. This includes links to:

- Information about Commission Programs
- Important Deadlines
- Forms/Applications
- Important Cal Grant /Chafee Updates
- Frequently Asked Questions



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- New Cal Grant Recipient Manual
- Renewal Cal Grant Recipient Manual
- Foster Youth Resources
- Other Financial Aid Resources and Important Links
- Security information
- Tools
- Help Center

To assist you in making students aware of this resource, the Commission has created WebGrants for Students posters and bookmarks. We ask you to partner with us in our outreach efforts by making them available to students and using them in your offices. Attached to this Special Alert are copies of these new posters and bookmarks for your use with students.

To order these items, please use the Commission's G-411 "Request for Materials" form which is available on our website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1317>.

WebGrants for Students supports the Commission's goal of making it easier for students to access and manage their Cal Grant and Chafee information "Anytime, Anywhere." If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this memorandum, please contact the School Support Services Branch at (888) 294-0153.

Your assistance in promoting WebGrants for Students is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued partnership in serving students.

Attachments: WebGrants for Students Poster
WebGrants for Students Bookmark

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